

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Attorney Docket No. T-5969  
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Serial No.:10/698,250 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1764  
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Filed: October 31, 2003 :   
: EXAMINER: Tam Nguyen  
  
For: PREPARING SMALL CRYSTAL :   
SSZ-32 AND ITS USE IN A :   
HYDROCARBON CONVERSION:   
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the office action mailed June 1, 2006 for the above referenced patent application and is being submitted with a petition for a two-month Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 with the appropriate fees.

The Examiner has restricted the claims of the instant invention into 3 groups. Group I is drawn to a composition of a zeolite. Group II is drawn to a method of preparing a catalyst. Group III is drawn to a dewaxing process.

Applicants elect Group I at this time, with traverse. Group I includes claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-17. It is the opinion of the applicants that Groups I and II could be searched together, since Group I is directed to a zeolite and a dewaxing catalyst comprising the zeolite, and Group II (claims 5 and 8) is directed to methods for making the dewaxing catalyst. The applicants do not agree that the process of claim 5 can be used to make a large crystal zeolites, since step (a) specifies synthesizing a zeolite having small lathe-like components.

Divisional applications are being submitted at this time for the subject matter of Groups II and III.

Respectfully submitted,

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